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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEW ZEALAND NOTE TO ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR GENERAL NAJMAN WHICH WAS CIRCULATED TO ALL
INFORMATION GROUP MEMBERS ON JULY 28, 1978.

2. "THE ATTITUDE OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT TOWARDS
THE GENERAL QUESTION OF UNESCO'S BUDGETARY PROBLEMS HAS
BEEN MADE CLEAR AT SUCCESSIVE GENERAL CONFERENCES. NEW
ZEALAND CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT UNESCO'S PROGRAMME IS
TOO DIFFUSE AND ATTEMPTS TO DO TOO MUCH WITH TOO
LITTLE. WHILE IT IS INEVITABLE THAT NEW NEEDS WHICH
COULD APPROPRIATELY BE DEALT WITH BY UNESCO WILL ARISE
FROM TIME TO TIME, IT SHOULD ALSO BE A MAJOR OBJECTIVE
OF UNESCO TO ELIMINATE THOSE NON-ESSENTIAL OR
INAPPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE PROGRAMME, THE FINANCE FOR
WHICH COULD BE BETTER DEPLOYED ELSEWHERE. IT IS ONLY BY
CONTINUED SELF-SCRUTINY OF THIS KIND THAT UNESCO CAN
PERFORM ITS TASK EFFICIENTLY.

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SUGGESTION NO. 1

THE SORT OF PRELIMINARY STUDY SUGGESTED WOULD BE
USEFUL AS A WAY OF IDENTIFYING THOSE NEEDS WHICH COULD
APPROPRIATELY BE CATERED FOR IN THE REGULAR BUDGET. IT
SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE UNESCO'S AIM TO FINANCE THESE NEEDS

FROM SAVINGS MADE IN THE REGULAR BUDGET, RATHER THAN BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS. ALMOST ALL MEMBER STATES COULD PROBABLY SUGGEST ONE OR MORE ACTIVITIES IN THE PROGRAMME WHICH COULD BE ELIMINATED.

IN DECIDING TO INCLUDE NEW NEEDS IN THE REGULAR BUDGET, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT UNESCO DOES NOT BECOME YET ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL AID AGENCY PREOCCUPIED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF AID PROJECTS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. UNESCO'S ROLE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CATALYTIC, NOT EXECUTORY.

SUGGESTION NO. 2

NEW ZEALAND BELIEVES THAT THE PROBLEM OF DISARMAMENT FALLS OUTSIDE UNESCO'S MEDIUM TERM PLAN AND IS MORE APPROPRIATELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ITSELF. IN THE CONTEXT OF UNESCO'S COMMITMENT TO THE REINFORCEMENT OF PEACE, THE PARAMETERS OF UNESCO'S INVOLVEMENT ARE CLEAR: PROMOTION OF PEACE RESEARCH, STUDY OF THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACEFUL WORLD ORDER, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AIMED AT FURTHERING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

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SUGGESTION NO. 3

NEW ZEALAND WOULD BE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A TAXATION SCHEME. QUITE APART FROM LEGAL AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT WOULD CREATE, SUCH A SCHEME COULD BE SEEN AS BEING IN CONTRADICTION OF ARTICLE 1.3 OF UNESCO'S CONSTITUTION, WHICH PROHIBITS THE ORGANISATION FROM INTERVENING IN MATTERS WHICH ARE WITHIN THE DOMESTIC JURISDICTION OF MEMBER STATES."

3. SINCE THIS IS VERBATIM COPY OF TEXT WHICH WAS CIRCULATED IN ENGLISH, PERMDEL IS NOT POUCHING XEROX OF TEXT.
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